

Mantle Hurts Jaw In Running Battle With Mob of Fans

Mickey Mantle was mauled and punched by fans while leaving the field at Yankee Stadium at the close of yesterday's double-header with the Washington Senators. He suffered a bruised jaw.

Mantle caught a fly ball to end the second game and many persons surged onto the field before he could reach the dug-out.

Mantle said that fans were grabbing at his hat, which was taken, and at his uniform. He said he feared for his eyes and so lowered his head and bulled his way through the crowd.

After ice packs were applied to the bruise in the dressing room, Mantle was taken to Lenox Hill Hospital. X-rays disclosed no fracture, and he was expected to face the Orioles in Baltimore tonight. Mickey was placed on a soft food and liquid diet.

Telephone calls were received at the Stadium from persons claiming that the Yankee center fielder had struck them or their children while pushing through the crowd.

Yankee officials announced that henceforth they would revive for Mantle's benefit a special protection system used to escort Joe DiMaggio from the field at the close of games. Strong ushers will meet Mantle with ropes and use them to force a sort of wedge, within which he can make his way to the dugout.